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example, the adhesive applicator would be moved to a non-operative position when the first sheet 3 is fed so as to prevent that sheet from adhering to the table 15.--

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 9 (lines 6-24) to read as follows:

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--As each sheet 3, except the first sheet to contact table 15, is fed by the feed rollers 12, 13, 14 to the upper end 10a of the machine frame 10, the underside of the sheet is completely coated with adhesive by adhesive applicator 20, and its upper side is selectively coated by applicator 22 with a releasing agent which does not bond to the adhesive. The adhesive layer applied by applicator 20 covers the complete under surface of the respective sheet, whereas the releasing agent applied by applicator 22 covers only the upper surface of the sheet which does not come within the contour 4 of the respective layer of the sheet in the finished three-dimensional article. For example, if the respective layer to be formed by the sheet in the finished three-dimensional article is of a square contour, the rectangular sheet 3 to define that layer would be coated with the releasing agent only on its surface which is outwardly of the square defining the respective layer in the finished article; i.e., the surface within the square would not be covered by the releasing agent.--

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 21-25.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of making a three-dimensional object constituted of a large number of thin preformed sheets each bonded on its opposite sides to the next adjacent sheets on its opposite sides, with each sheet cut along a contour corresponding to the contour of the respective layer constituted by the sheet in the object, the method comprising effecting selective deployment on one side of

each sheet of a releasing agent effective to inhibit bonding between adjacent sheets, the releasing agent being deployed selectively in a manner such that, after the sheet has been bonded to the next adjacent sheet on that side, the surface of the sheet within the respective contour is bonded to the next adjacent sheet, while the remaining portion of the respective sheet not within said contour is readily separable from the three-dimensional object.

Please add new claims 26-29 as follows:

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~~51~~²⁶ (New) The method according to claim ~~1~~²⁶, wherein said selective deployment of said releasing agent is effected by selective application of said releasing agent.

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(New) The method according to claim ~~1~~²⁶, wherein said selective deployment of said releasing agent is effected by selective removal of a coating of said releasing agent.

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(New) A method of making a three-dimensional object constituted of a large number of thin preformed sheets each bonded on its opposite sides to the next adjacent sheets on its opposite sides, with each sheet cut along a contour corresponding to the contour of the respective layer constituted by the sheet in the object, the method comprising effecting selective deployment on one side of each sheet of an activating agent effective to activate bonding between adjacent sheets, the activating agent being deployed selectively in a manner such that, after the sheet has been bonded to the next adjacent sheet on that side, the surface of the sheet within the respective contour is bonded to the next adjacent sheet, while the remaining portion of

the respective sheet not within said contour is readily separable from the three-dimensional object.

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29. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein the side of each sheet opposite to that upon which said activating agent is deployed is provided with an adhesive that is only effective to bond adjacent sheets where placed in contact with said activating agent.